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C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 04042

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MNUC, PARM, ENRG, CA  
SUBJECT: CONVENTION ON PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR  
MATERIALS - SEPT. 4-8, 1978

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1. SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL WAS DISCUSSED WITH D. TOZUR OF  
EXTAFF AND WITH JON JENNEKENS OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY  
CONTROL BOARD (AECB) ON 14 AUGUST 1978.
2. THE ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL BOARD HAS BEEN THE LEAD  
GOC DEPARTMENT IN DEVELOPING STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL  
PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND HAS BEEN WORKING  
CLOSELY WITH THE DOE AND NRC.

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3. THE RESPONSE FROM THESE CONVERSATIONS WAS THAT  
CANADA'S POSITION AT THE SUBJECT CONVENTION WILL BE  
AS FOLLOWS:

A) CANADA WILL ENDORSE THE INCLUSION OF A STRONG  
ARTICLE 3, WITH LEVELS OF DOMESTIC PROTECTION AS SET  
FORTH IN ANNEX B TO THE NUCLEAR SUPPLY GUIDELINES.

B) THE GOC WILL OPPOSE A "WATERED-DOWN" PROVISION  
SETTING FORTH STANDARDS LESS STRICT THAN THOSE THAT  
THE U.S. (AND CANADA) MIGHT REQUIRE BILATERALLY.

C) THE GOC WILL SUPPORT THE U.S. POSITION OF DELETING  
ARTICLE 3, IF CONSENSUS ON THE TEXT OF A STRONG  
ARTICLE 3 CANNOT BE REACHED, AND WILL AGREE ON A  
CONVENTION LIMITED TO INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION.

4. COMMENT: CANADA HAS GENERALLY SUPPORTED THE U.S.  
OBJECTIVES OF STRENGTHENING PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF  
NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND HAS MOVED TO HAVE ITS STANDARDS  
CLOSELY CONFORM TO THOSE OF THE U.S.

5. THE ONLY CONCERN EXPRESSED BY CANADA (JENNEKENS)  
ABOUT THE POSSIBLE DELETION OF ARTICLE 3 OF THE CON-  
VENTION IS THAT IT MAY THEN TAKE A LONGER TIME TO  
EVER REACH A CONSENSUS AND, IN THE MEANTIME, THIS WILL  
MAKE NEGOTIATIONS OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER  
COUNTRIES VERY DIFFICULT FOR CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND  
THE U.S. END OF COMMENT.  
ENDERS

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